

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Lax restrictions threaten the availability of a healthy variety of media outlets, whose diversity is essential for the sake of both quality news coverage and the expression of dissenting, thought-provoking opinion. Moreover, loosening of such rules promises to "nationalize" media coverage, potentially shrinking the amount of attention paid to the very relevant, diverse issues that pertain to local regions of the country.